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Dear Brother Phelps,

I agree with you fully in your views about Mr. Toney, with the exception of its being his duty to abide the process of the Courts. Were you imprisoned by the civil authorities of Algiers or Turkey or Egypt would you think it a violation of gospel duty to attempt an escape? And what difference between the civil Courts of the South, so far as abolitionists are concerned, and the barbarous nations above mentioned?

In Weed, my clerk, calculated that all yr copy would go into the forthcoming Reporter, and the printer set it up accordingly, excepting the Toney article. That is excluded for want of room & a few others\*. Some of them I have abridged. 19000 words are as much as you can need send for a no. of the Reporter.

Mr. Perkins of Meriden has sent \$70 for the Ex. missionaries at the S. Islands, leaving me to appropriate \$20 of it for the missionaries at the W. Indies if I thought best. I did think it best.

Several persons have written to me for facts with regard to the A.B.C.F.M. on the subject of slavery. The intent on behalf of anti S. missions has much increased since Nos 2 & 3, U. N. have been issued. Let us have a capital number for Dec<sup>th</sup>. The A.B.C.F.M. can should be put in clear light, so that the that news may stand, mild but firm as a rock.

Truly yours

Lewis Tappan

\* The Hamilton article could not go in without omitting others of more violence. Perhaps it is well that it was omitted. It looks, in the eyes of some, like personality! Halford is mortified enough that he consented to his preaching in his pulpit.

